



Editorial

***International Surgery* Continues to Serve Lower-Income and Middle-Income Countries**

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I welcome any comments and questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

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